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File: Yard 9/W.O.#T01492

SUBJECT: **YARD 9 - CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE PAVING OF BOWLES BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF BIG BEAR**

I have reviewed, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, the project description for paving Bowles Boulevard, from Aeroplane Boulevard to Valley Boulevard, in the City of Big Bear (see Attachments). The proposed project consists of paving over the dirt road for a width of 26 feet, installing a drainage channel, asphalt berm, drainage culverts, signage, and stripping. Work will be performed within the existing traveled right-of-way of the street. The Project is scheduled for the Fiscal Year 2004/05. The estimated construction start date is August 2004, and the duration of construction is approximately four (4) weeks.

The proposed work qualifies for a Categorical Class I Exemption under Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines because it consists of maintenance or repair of existing facilities with no expansion of the existing use.

To complete the exemption process, I recommend that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

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